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TOWN OF SIMSBURY - BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
MARCH 22, 2010

A. Call to Order

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen was called to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Main Meeting Room of the Simsbury Town Offices. Present were: First Selectman Mary Glassman; Board members Moira Wertheimer, John Hampton, Lisa Heavner and Robert Hensley. Absent was Tom Herlihy. Others in attendance included Bonnie Therrien, John Loomis, Colleen O'Connor, Ed Lamontagne, Jim Clifton and other interested parties.

B. Pledge of Allegiance - Everyone stood for the Pledge of Allegiance

C. Presentation - Proclamation - Shannon O'Donnell - 2009 Outstanding Volunteer Award, CT Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society

Ms. Heavner read the following proclamation:

Town of Simsbury

Proclamation

WHEREAS, Shannon O'Donnell, a Simsbury resident for 7 years, has been active with the Connecticut Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society for many years, supporting the chapter in its efforts to keep science moving forward to better treatments and a cure for this chronic and disabling disease; and

WHEREAS, Ms. O'Donnell has volunteered countless hours at the Multiple Sclerosis Chapter office and has raised thousands of dollars by co-leading a Walk MS team, the MS Kateers; and

WHEREAS, Ms. O'Donnell has also helped to raise awareness about Multiple Sclerosis through radio and television interviews by sharing her own experience with living with the disease; and

WHEREAS, Ms. O'Donnell received the 2009 Outstanding Volunteer Award from the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, Connecticut Chapter on March 7,

2010.

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE KNOWN, that we congratulate Ms. O'Donnell on her award and thank her for her efforts in educating the community about Multiple Sclerosis.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I HAVE PLACED MY HAND AND THE GREAT SEAL OF THE TOWN OF SIMSBURY

Dated this 22nd day of March, 2010

Mary A. Glassman, First Selectman

Ms. O'Donnell thanked everyone for the honor. She said this cause is very important to her so she will always raise money for the cure.

Ms. Glassman thanked Ms. O'Donnell for her hard work and inspiration for the Town of Simsbury. Mr. Hampton said some of the housing commissioners were at the meeting and they also thanked her. They said she is a delightful person and said she is truly an outstanding volunteer.

#### D. First Selectman's Reports - Update on the 2010 -2011 Budget

Ms. Glassman reported that the Secretary of the State's office, along with the Town of Simsbury, hosted a special ceremony at Westminster School's Centennial Theatre to honor World War II Veterans. Selectmen Hampton and Heavner attended along with Rep. Linda Schofield. The turnout was a success and each Veteran received a certificate of honor from the Secretary of State.

Ms. Glassman said there was a request for some additional cooperation with the Town of Avon. They are asking the Highway Department for help and we do have a lot of extra staff to help them due to the change in sand. They will compensate us for this service.

Ms. Glassman said West Hartford road testing shows four areas that show concentration below the DEP standards. Ms. Glassman said the requests for proposals were due back on March 18th to move up road maintenance.

Ms. Glassman stated that the consultants from Code Studio were in Town this week. There will be meetings on Tuesday that are open to the public; everyone is encouraged to attend.

#### E. Public Audience

Robert Kalechman, 971 Hopmeadow Street spoke about the World War II Veterans also. He said there was a sailor from Canton who was the first one killed in Pearl Harbor. He showed pictures of him and Senator Glenn.

Mr. Kalechman spoke about Ned Lamont, who is running for Governor for the Democrats.

Joan Coe, 26 Whitcomb Drive spoke again about a Charter Revision Commission being formed. She said this should happen every 5 years, and this is the year.

Ms. Coe spoke again about the alcohol policy at the Performing Arts Center. She said even BYOB is a risk. There should be no alcohol at events.

Ms. Coe spoke about the Eno Farms and Eno Trust for the poor. She said no "poor person" can afford to send their children to a camp at the Community Farm of Simsbury. This does not meet the requirements of the "Poor Farm".

Ms. Coe showed a picture of an RFP for the construction of a golf cart storage building. She thought that once the old building was removed the carts would be housed outside. This project should be withdrawn.

All of Ms. Coe' comments can be read on [Simsbury.com/forum](http://Simsbury.com/forum).

Sue Bednarczyk, 119 E. Weatogue said she was a little alarmed that she found the postings of meetings about the Charrette tonight as they are being held tomorrow. She has been to two seminars with 1000 Friends on Hampton's Charrette. They had 171 public meetings on this subject. She feels more meetings need to be held at all different times for the public to always be able to attend.

Ms. Bednarczyk also spoke about the PAD and how everyone needs to give their input.

Ms. Bednarczyk also spoke about having animals at the Town Farms. This needs to be a very safe environment for everyone and everyone needs to be mindful of hazards.

Mike Rinaldi, 32 Pinacale Mountain Road spoke about the executive session on Ethel Walker property. When this first started he was very alarmed at the price. He said scare tactics were used back then to pass this issue. He said two independent assessments were done and the price that was settled on was 13.75 million dollars. He wants the Board to take a strong stand for the Town on this issue.

Ms. Glassman said the Board of Finance will have a Public Hearing on the Board of Finance, Board of Education, and Board of Selectmen budget on Tues, April 6th. The Board of Selectmen budget is being presented with a proposed increased of 0.27%. The Board of Education budget was decreased from 2% to 1.66%. The Board of Selectmen capital improvements were reduced by \$600,000. Simsbury Farms improvements were not approved.

F. Hearings - None

G. Selectmen Action:

1. Ordinances, Resolutions and Appointments for Action -

a. Resignations - None

b. Appointments - None

2. Unfinished Business - None

3. Other Business -

a. Review, discuss and possibly approve Assistant Superintendent of Water Pollution Control Authority position

Mr. Hensley made motion to create and approve the job description, as of July 1, 2010, the position of Assistant Superintendent of the Water Pollution Control Authority, which would be classified as a Grade 6, Step 5 in the Administrative and Professional Employees Association union and to move the Superintendent of Water Pollution Control Authority to the Administrative and Professional Supervisors' Association, as a Grade 10, Step 10, effective July 1, 2010. Ms. Heavner seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

b. Review, discuss and possibly approve Tax Refunds

Mr. Hensley made motion to approve the tax refund requests in the amount of \$1,248.00 for the list of 2008. Ms. Heavner seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

c. Review, discuss and possibly approve the Simsbury Woman's Club use of Iron Horse Boulevard for Arts and Crafts Festival and the Simsbury Junior Woman's Club use of Iron Horse Boulevard for a tag sale on May 1st

Mr. Hampton made motion to approve the following events on Town property as per their request, as long as there is timely issuance of a public gathering permit and insurance, if necessary: Simsbury Woman's Club, Inc. to hold their Arts and Crafts Festival on September 18 and 19, 2010 and the

Simsbury Junior Woman's Club to hold their tag sale on May 1, 2010.  
Ms. Wertheimer seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

d. Review, discuss and possibly approve donation of \$10,000 from First Church of Christ - Affordable Housing - 60B Old Farms Road

Mr. Hampton made motion to accept a donation of \$10,000 from First Church of Christ for the renovations needed at 60B Old Farms Road in order to restore this building back to affordable housing with many thanks. Ms. Heavner seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

e. Review, discuss and possibly approve setting a Public Hearing on an Ordinance to Create and Become a Member of the Central CT Solid Waste Authority

Ms. Heavner made motion to set a Public Hearing for April 12, 2010 at 7:15 p.m. in the

Simsbury Main Meeting Room to hear comments on an Ordinance to Create and Become a Member of the Central CT Solid Waste Authority. Mr. Hampton seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

f. Review, discuss and possibly approve a date for the Town Meeting and Referendum

Ms. Wertheimer made the following motion

Ms. Heavner seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

g. Review, discuss and possibly approve an 8-24 Review on Capital Projects to the Planning Commission

Mr. Hensley made motion to refer to the Planning Commission for an 8-24 Review the following projects: 1) \$260,000 from the Sewer Assessment Fund for sewer main extensions on Pheasant Lane, portions of Bushy Hill Road (north of Sidney Way) and related work; 2) \$670,000 from the Sewer Use Fund for the Tunxis Pumping Station Replacement project; 3) \$2,400,000 for repaving, repair and rehabilitation of Town road ways and of the bikeways; 4) \$1,277,500 for the replacement of the roof at Latimer Lane School, connection of the system network server room at Simsbury High School to the emergency generator and other computer enhancements for the seven schools. Ms. Wertheimer seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

h. Review, discuss and possibly approve Policies - Small Cities Funds

Ms. Wertheimer made motion to adopt the Compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Fair Housing Resolutions, Fair Housing Policy Statement and Affirmative Action Policy Statement. Mr. Hampton seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

4. Bids - None

5. Ordinances, Resolutions and Appointments for Introduction - None

6. Acceptance of Minutes -

a. March 8, 2010 - Budget Workshop

Mr. Hampton made motion to accept the minutes of March 8, 2010 Budget Workshop with corrections on page 2 and page 5. Mr. Hensley seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

b. March 8, 2010 - Regular Meeting

Ms. Heavner made motion to accept the minutes of the Regular Board of Selectmen Meeting on March 8, 2010. Mr. Hampton seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

H. Selectmen Liaison and Sub-Committee Reports

1. Personnel - None

2. Finance - None

3. Welfare None

4. Public Safety - Mr. Hampton reported that they met last week and are now working on a full scale, public exercise to respond to a plane crash that could occur here. This will be done so we are sure we are ready for a disaster.

Mr. Hampton said the other item discussed was the issue of parking and traffic at Central School. There are some short term and long term issues being discussed.

Ms. Heavner said that it's a great idea that the schools and Town can work together. This is a great spirit of cooperation.

5. Board of Education - Ms. Heavner said the Middle School will be hosting a Barnes and Noble Event this Thursday from 5-9. There will be an

orchestra, art work, spelling bees, games and a lot of fun. Everyone is invited to attend.

Ms. Heavner said there is a discussion on Cyber bullying at the Simsbury High School tonight. This is to raise awareness of what goes on in the schools.

Ms. Heavner said on March 23rd the High School will be hosting The Rhythm and Rhyme Celebration of world languages. This is for grades 4 through 12. There will be poetry, music and dance and will be fun for all.

Mr. Hampton thanked the SCTV student camera people for a good job done tonight. They are Maggie, Nadia and Jacob.

Ms. Wertheimer said that Joel Mandell asked her to remind everyone about the Memorial Day Parades. The American Legion and VFW Posts are working hard on these parades. The Tariffville parade will begin at 8:30 a.m and the Simsbury parade will begin at 1 p.m. on the 31st.

Mr. Hensley noted that the Code Studio discussions are being held at different hours during the

day. Ms. Glassman said there is a lot of opportunity for public participation. Everything is on the website as well.

Mr. Hensley made motion to amend the agenda to include another 2 minutes for public audience. Ms. Wertheimer seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Ms. Coe spoke about capital improvements and the Ethel Walker property. She was told that land cannot be bonded.

Ms. Glassman said that land can be bonded. This item is not for this year's referendum, the Board is just trying to be proactive.

Mr. Kalechman said there is no oversight at Simsbury Farms or proposal being made by Mr. Hensley. He said the Town needs sidewalks and street lights and \$25,000 was taken out of the budget for this and being put in for the bike people. He also doesn't feel the Captain should be taken out of the police force.

I. Executive Session - Personnel Matters - Union Negotiations; Pending Litigation - Joseph Jurczak vs. the Town of Simsbury; Real Estate Negotiations - Ethel Walker Property

Mr. Hensley made motion to adjourn to Executive Session at 8:25 p.m. to

discuss Personnel Matters - Union Negotiations; Pending Litigation - Joseph Jurczak vs. the Town of Simsbury; and Real Estate Negotiations - Ethel Walker Property. Mr. Hampton seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Mr. Hensley made motion to adjourn from Executive Session at 9:06 p.m., seconded by Ms. Heavner. All were in favor and the motion passed.

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Respectfully submitted,

Mary A. Glassman  
First Selectman